

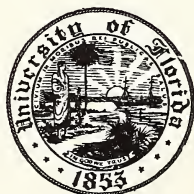


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LETTERS FROM THE FOUNDER OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA TO A
BOSTON BOOKSELLER

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THOMAS JEFFERSON TO A BOOKSELLER



THE LAST OF THE three great achievements for which Thomas Jefferson wished to be remembered was no longer an "ephemeral thing" by the summer of 1824. The imposing pavilions of the University of Virginia were now completed, and Francis Walker Gilmer was in England and Scotland to "procure a college of professors worthy of public expectation," and to buy books and scientific apparatus. Yet the Rector of the University knew that much remained to be done before February 1, 1825, the date set for the opening of the University. Of utmost importance was the selection of a library in keeping with the noble purpose of the University; it was also necessary to establish a bookstore near the institution.

Through the good offices of his grandson-in-law, Joseph Coolidge, Jefferson found in Cummings, Hilliard and Company of Boston a firm prepared to supply the University with the books it needed. In his initial letter to Jefferson, of July 14, 1824, William Hilliard described his considerable business with restrained pride: "I have for many years supplied Harvard College with their Classical Books, as well as many other Universities; & have published most of the late French course of Mathematics . . . [Then follows a list of books in various fields.] In a recent tour through Europe, I have purchased a large stock of English, French, & German Literature, ancient & modern; & have established such a correspondence, as will enable me to procure a regular supply of the best works, either for individuals & corporate bodies." The usual

commission for such importations, Hilliard said, was ten per cent on the cost and charges, but a "small diminution" might be made for large orders. Although Hilliard enclosed a catalogue of some of his books, he assured Jefferson of "prompt & faithful execution . . . [and] lowest terms" on orders from other catalogues.

The proposal that Cummings and Hilliard start a branch of their business in Charlottesville, the seat of the University, came from Jefferson himself. The firm readily consented on September 16, 1824 to send an agent "by way of experiment," on condition "that no person should previously be introduced." "We have the vanity to believe that no other establishment in this country can supply the institution more regularly; or upon better terms," they offered by way of explanation.

The agreement for the purchase of books in the amount of \$15,000 "more or less to constitute a library" was drawn up on April 8, 1825, between Jefferson as Rector of the University and Hilliard as representative of his firm. The terms provided that Hilliard act as agent for the University in procuring the books and attending to their transportation and delivery to the University. A catalogue of the books "specifying their titles" and, where it was deemed important, their particular editions, was to be delivered to Hilliard; "but," stated the agreement, "as it may happen in some cases that no particular edⁿ or an older one may be specified when there is a newer or better one to be had, it is left to the discretn and jdgmt of the s^d H. to procure of preference the newer and better one; and he is in all cases to use every exertion to make the purchase at the lowest cash prices." The University agreed to pay for the books as well as for the packing, transportation, insurance, and other contingent charges, and to give Hilliard a "commission of 5. p. cent on the

purchase and all the s^d charges and expences" for "his personal labor trouble and expences in the performance of his agency." The agreement further provided that unbound books should be bound "where it can be best done at eligible prices, in good half bindings with back and corners of calf properly lettered." Finally, the University pledged itself to deposit in a Richmond bank the sum of \$15,000 subject to Hilliard's order, upon his providing "good and satisfactory security." On his part, Hilliard promised to execute his agency with "due diligence and dispatch" as soon as he received the catalogue of books wanted.

Evidently Hilliard had expected a larger volume of business than the contract promised, for in May he inquired of Jefferson about the possibility of extending "the amount to ten or fifteen thousand dollars more." The commission, he wrote, was extremely low; he had considered it so when the deal was signed "but other considerations of some advantage resulting from the supply of the Students operated as an inducement to close the bargain." Hilliard also suggested that the money be deposited "at the branch bank in Boston, or the parent Bank in Philadelphia," not in Richmond, because at the last place United States bills were subject to a discount of at least one-half per cent.

In the meantime, Jefferson was engaged in preparing the catalogue of books required by the April agreement. But for the feebleness of old age and for a stiff wrist, this would have been a thoroughly congenial occupation for the Rector, who had selected and assembled three libraries of his own and had devised a system of cataloguing based on the Baconian classification of the faculties of the human mind. To his present task Jefferson could indeed bring the benefit of a lifetime of intimate contact with

books. With a critical and experienced eye he now carefully studied the various catalogues sent to him by booksellers, needy bibliophiles, and other interested persons.

Before Jefferson had completed this work, some of the books ordered by Gilmer began to arrive. It then became necessary to revise the catalogue under preparation and simultaneously to classify the newly arrived books, if the latter were to be put to immediate use. Although Jefferson was primarily concerned with the first of these tasks, he yet found time to assist with the second, as is indicated by some class marks in his handwriting on a list of books received at this time. The volumes bought by Gilmer were entered in the first catalogue of the Library of the University of Virginia, dated May 16, 1825. Its compiler, John V. Kean, the first Librarian, obligingly included a diagram of the method of classification, and he listed the books in a way which might serve the purpose of the modern card catalogue. Kean's little manuscript revealed the inadequacies of the infant library in certain fields of knowledge; for example, there was not a single entry under the chapters of "Law Merchant," "Law Maritime," and "Law Ecclesiastical." The supplement of the Kean catalogue was probably compiled somewhat later in the year, as it contains titles found in the order placed with Hilliard.

If the Kean catalogue represented only a modest fulfillment of the plans for a fine Library, the one prepared for Hilliard promised the complete realization of such hopes. This last catalogue is in the meticulous handwriting of Jefferson's granddaughter, Virginia Randolph. Jefferson's handwriting appears in textual annotations, and at the end in the following certification: "The preceding catalogue is that of the books with the purchase of which Mr. W^m. Hilliard is charged on behalf

of the University of Virginia. Th: Jefferson Rector June 3. 1825." The books are listed in forty-two chapters, according to their classification. On the extreme left of the pages, in a different calligraphy and with different ink, there appears besides each title one of the letters "L," "F," "G," or "A," doubtless indicating the place of purchase—London, France, Germany, or America.

It is clear that Jefferson expected Hilliard to go to Europe to execute the business. On this view of the matter, Jefferson's statement to Gilmer of June 6, 1825, is particularly explicit: "We have been fortunate in the acquisition of an agent for the purchase of our books, and who will proceed immediately to England, France and Germany . . . " When Jefferson complained of Hilliard's failure to go abroad, the firm politely replied on October 7, 1825, that "It was the intention of Mr Hilliard to have gone to Europe . . . at the commission first proposed 10 pr. Ct. This, with his own business, would have justified the enterprise; but we confidently expect & hope, that your expectations in the final execution of the order will not be disappointed."

Short of going to Europe, however, Hilliard sincerely tried to please his particular customer. Indeed, even before the receipt of the catalogue he was asking the Rector for instructions regarding editions, especially for the law and medical departments. On June 22, 1825, he inquired of Jefferson whether it was "not important, that in the Law Books you have those that contain references to American decisions." And would Jefferson wish to have forwarded sets of Albertus Magnus and Fleury's *Ecclesiastical History*, though neither was listed in the catalogue? In September, the firm asked whether they should send Barrow's Works "in folio at \$13.00, six or seven dollars cheaper than the 8vo. also Bruce's Travels in 5 Vois.

4to." "We shall refrain from sending these," they said, "if the size is an objection, of which, please to inform us." With considerable pleasure the firm told Jefferson that they had consulted "one of our first literary characters" in the selection of an edition of Voltaire. If, however, Jefferson should not be satisfied with these volumes, he could send them to their branch in Charlottesville; the firm accommodately permitted the Library to turn over to this store items it did not like.

Hilliard chose a very practical course in proceeding with his assignment. "Such Books . . .," he wrote Jefferson on June 22, 1825, "as can be procured upon what I conceive, from a comparison with foreign Catalogues, better terms, than in Europe, here, will be sent, as soon as those on board can be bound." Accordingly, the first books consigned to the University came from the firm's stock, a large part of which had been purchased at auction abroad at prices not likely to be found again. Cummings and Hilliard frankly admitted on September 2, 1825, that in "some instances the Books we have procured here vary from the precise editions ordered, from the circumstances, that we considered those sent, best & cheapest." In their recent orders to Europe, however, they had been "very particular, in Specifying the size and editions" requested by Jefferson. More than once Hilliard wrote that he found it "very difficult . . . to procure American History" in this country. Finally, many works relating to America had to be purchased abroad. Hilliard never failed to call attention to the bargain prices and values of his finds. "The *Anthologix Graeca*," he wrote, "I purchased in Leipsic, & have put it at cost." "Dobson's Encyclopedia was procured very low." "You will find [the anatomical plates] very splendid." From the outset, however, the agent expressed doubt about his ability to get some of the books

listed in the catalogue. In May, 1826, he confessed to Jefferson that the rare items "could not be procured, except as opportunities occurred of purchases from private libraries." He was, therefore, asking his correspondents abroad to suspend operations, since he had only a limited amount to spend on what would likely be the "most valuable & expensive works."

The necessity of relying on European markets created various problems for Hilliard. In August, 1825, he had to countermand some orders to his agents because of the unexpected arrival at the University of a shipment of books ordered the previous year from Bohn of London which contained duplicates of works included in the catalogue sent him by Jefferson. The worst annoyance and delay came from the failure of the "Banking house of Mr. Williams" in London where the purchase funds had been deposited. Although Hilliard stated to Jefferson on December 10, 1825, that he did not expect any "ultimate loss" from this occurrence, his fears that bills drawn on the bank would be protested eventually proved to be correct. This fact, he regretfully informed Jefferson in May, 1826, plus "the general fluctuation of business, arising from the numerous failures, which have taken place" had "greatly diminished" the punctuality of his correspondents.

With the first shipment of books to the University, Hilliard urged Jefferson on July 26, 1825, "to be free in any criticisms, which may justly be made in regard to price, style of bindings, &c." The surprising extent to which the Rector took advantage of this invitation occasionally forced Hilliard to take cover in explanations and apologies, such as the following: There had never been but one edition of the encyclopedia complained of by the professors of the University; the Anglo-Saxon books had been

ordered (August 3, 1825); they had not yet arrived (October 7, 1825); they were not to be had in England, at least not the kind first requested (April 17, 1826). The most frequent complaints against Cummings and Hilliard arose from their failure to send an adequate supply of textbooks to their branch store in Charlottesville. Indeed, so incensed were the professors on this score, that they made representations to the Visitors of the University at the April, 1826, meeting. On being informed of this action, the estimable firm wrote Jefferson that they were "mortified" at the course taken by the faculty. "Most of the Books ordered, in the first instance," they explained, "were of such a kind, as are not generally used in other Colleges; and considering the uncertainty of the number to be called for by your institution, it would have been imprudent in us, to order them from Europe in any considerable quantities." As soon as the firm had learned of the "prodigious increase of the pupils" for the second term and "received a particular designation of the Books wanted," they had sent out orders "by the hundred." "We are confident," they added proudly, "that no house in the United States can furnish Books at a lower rate, or with greater facility than ourselves; and our future operations, we hope, will have a tendency to convince the faculty, that the particular circumstances and embarrassments, under which we have hitherto laboured in the supply, will operate, in some small degree, as an apology, for what may now appear to be negligence."

The bookstore established by the Boston firm was located about a half mile from the University, approximately midway between the institution and the town of Charlottesville. "Mr. Jones," who was in charge of the store, appears to have given satisfaction to both Jefferson and Hilliard. If the little establishment was meagerly

supplied in the beginning, the reverse was true when Cummings and Hilliard sold their stock to C. P. McKennie and M. W. D. Jones in 1829. At least such was the opinion of the new owners, who announced on December 11 that since the stock on hand was "much too large for this market," they proposed to sell at auction "between one and two thousand dollars worth of Law, Medical, Historical, School and Miscellaneous Books" and "300 Arithmetics and 300 other school books."

Because of his business connections with the University, Hilliard proposed to go to Charlottesville late in the spring of 1826. As it was expected that most of the books would have arrived by that time, he and Jefferson decided almost simultaneously that the visit should be arranged so as to enable the agent to be present for "the opening of the Books." When that anticipated occasion finally came, the Fourth of July, 1826, had passed. The books were opened a few days afterward in the presence of Hilliard, who was deeply grieved that death had deprived him of one more interview with "the venerable Mr. Jefferson."

The agent reported to the Visitors on July 11, 1826, that the books "were found to be in good order, & with few exceptions, agreeing with the Invoices" "I presume," he continued, "you will be in possession of the original Catalogue of the Books, the contract, & all the correspondence relating to this business. The amount furnished for the purchase of Books, was altogether inadequate to the accomplishment of the Catalogue made out; therefore many Books are omitted, & especially those, the most expensive, and many more, which could not be procured. I had positive instructions from Mr. J. not exceed the sum of 18000 dollars In some cases, there will probably be found duplicates, which may be handed

over to my agent Mr. Jones—otherwise, I shall expect that none will be returned, as a discretionary power was given, in regard to editions The commission which I finally accepted was too small to indemnify me; but it was agreed to in consideration of an establishment at Charlottesville in the sale of Books, and the future supplies of the Library”

The books which the aged Jefferson selected with so much care were first shelved in an apartment of the old Central College building, which in recent years has housed the Colonnade (Faculty) Club. Regulations for the Library were adopted by the Visitors of the University on March 5, 1825. According to the Librarian (May 13, 1825), the “want of licence” in these rules produced some dissatisfaction among the students who obviously not sharing Jefferson’s regard for the books, were inclined to be careless in their use. When the observant Rector beheld the disorder in the Library, he reprimanded Kean by reading him the following regulation: “No student shall ever be in the Library but in the presence of the Librarian, or of some Professor whom he attends, nor shall he be allowed to take any book from the shelves, nor remain in the room to read or consult any book, but during such presence.” The poor Librarian desired clarification. “That does not mean,” he asked Jefferson, “that I shall attend each student to the shelf, or he is not to look into such works as he wishes?” To this the Rector made very sensible answer on May 16, 1825: “[Any] indulgences must depend on yourself on whom it is incumbent so to preserve the arrangement of the books under your care as never to disappoint applicants by inability to find them. a library in confusion loses much of it’s utility.”

The letters to William Hilliard and his firm present Thomas Jefferson in his role of “Father of the University

of Virginia." They reveal a kindly but firm Rector, deeply concerned with the success of the young institution, proud and confident of its faculty, mindful of the welfare of the student body. The day following his death a student wrote: "I never saw young men so deeply affected by any circumstances in my life—Most of us had been personally acquainted with Mr. Jefferson & had experienced in his house that hospitality which he so liberally extended to every one who visited him, our grief for him therefore was not of that vague kind which we feel for *great* men who have been beneficial to their country but with whom we had no acquaintance—we felt for him as for a friend, as for the father of this institution over which he had ever watched with parental solicitude."

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

THOMAS JEFFERSON retained copies of all his communications to William Hilliard or his firm; these are in the Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress. Three of the letters sent to the bookseller (numbers 5, 8, 10) are in the Tracy W. McGregor Library, University of Virginia; one (number 7) is in the same University's Elizabeth Cocke Coles Collection. One letter (number 3) has been published in Elizabeth L. Adams (ed.) "The Jefferson Bicentenary," *More Books, The Bulletin of the Boston Public Library*, Vol. XVIII, No. 4, (April, 1943.) Most of the letters written by Hilliard or his firm to Jefferson are in the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino; the remaining ones are in the University of Virginia Library. John V. Kean's letters to Jefferson are also found in both of the above libraries. The Kean letter quoted in the introductory essay is in the Huntington Library. Jefferson's reply is in the Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress. Two "memoranda" of their agreement written by Jefferson and Hilliard, respectively, and copies of the bonds guaranteeing the fulfilment of the contract are in the Jefferson Papers, Library of Congress. Both the Kean catalogue and the one prepared by Jefferson for Hilliard's guidance are in the University of Virginia Library. This Library also has the invoices of some of the books ordered by Gilmer and by Hilliard, the Charlottesville *Virginia Advocate* in which there appeared the advertisement for the sale of books, and the original of the letter (Henry H. Worthington to R. B. Hicks, July 5, 1826) describing the students' reaction to the news of Jefferson's death. The library regulations for the University are in Lipscomb and Bergh (eds.)

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1. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO MESSRS. CUMMINGS HILLIARD
& CO., SEPT. 6, 1824.

Messrs. Cummings Hilliard & co. Mont^o. Sep. 6. 24

Mr. Coolidge having mentioned to me in conversation the measures you had taken not long since to enlarge and establish a correspondence in the different countries of Europe in the book-selling line, it occurred to me that it might be convenient to our University and of some profit to yourselves were you to establish a branch of your business with us on a small scale at first, enlarging it afterwards as you might find expedient. we shall want books from England, Paris, Holland and Germany, and the terms mentioned in your letter of July 14. on which you could afford to furnish them appear to me reasonable. our Institution will open on the 1st. day of Feb. next, and we count on receiving perhaps 300. students. and that you might risk as little as possible, until you should have experience of the market, this might be done. we expect our Professors will be in place in the ensuing autumn. I could then procure from them a catalogue of the text books they would use in their several schools, and those they would principally recommend to their students to purchase. this catalogue I could send to you and you might by the 1st. of Feb. send a supply of these particular books under the care of some faithful agent who, without going to the expence of any other establishment than a book shop might dispose of them. or you might add some few others, merely to try the market, and govern yourselves afterwards according to the experiment. a proposition has been made from a bookseller to establish himself here but as he would be a mere common-place dealer he would not suit our wants, and therefore I will discourage the propo-

1. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO MESSRS. CUMMINGS HILLIARD
& CO., SEPT. 6, 1824.

sition until I hear from you. I should unwillingly risk the encoraging you to make any beginning on a scale the failure of which might give you serious loss or inconvenience until experience of the place could enable you to judge for yourselves. I salute you with respectful consideration.

Th: J.

[Endorsement:] Cummings Hilliard & co. Sep. 6. 24.

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress. Four lines from the bottom of the second leaf (in this printed copy, eight lines from the bottom of page 17) between without and going, is a three-letter word crossed out, perhaps und, a false start for undue.

2. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO MESSRS. CUMMINGS, HILLIARD
& CO., OCT. 25, 1824.

Mess^{rs}. Cummings, Hilliard & co. Monticello Oct. 25. 24.

In the catalogue you were so kind as to send me some time ago of your books on hand, was named Walton's Biblia Polyglotta London edition 1657. 6 v. fol with Castell's Lexacon Heptaglotton Lond. 1669. 2 vol. fol. price of both books 85. D. 'well bound and in excellent order.' if these books are unsold I will take them for the Univ^{ty}. of Virginia. on a line of information from you that they are still on hand, I will have that sum immediately remitted to you, and request you to have the books well packed in a tight box & addressed to me to the care of B. Peyton at Richmond and sent by some vessel bound to that place. freight will be paid there on delivery. you will be so good as to add packing & shipping charges in your notice to me, and to accept my respectful salut^{ns}.

Th: J

[Endorsement:] Cummings, Hilliard & co. Oct. 25. 24

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress.

The references are to Bryan Walton, Biblia Sacra Polyglotta, London, 1657 (Wing B2797); and Edmund Castell, Lexicon Heptaglotton, London 1669 (Wing C1224).

3. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO MESSRS. CUMMINGS & HILLIARD,
JAN. 14, 1825.

[Address:] Mess^{rs}. Cummin[g]s & Hilliard

Boston

Mess^{rs}. Cummin[g]s & Hilliard. Monticello Jan. 14. 25.

We had hoped to have opened our University on the 1st. of Feb. but as yet only two of our Professors are in place, those of antient and modern languages. three, who were engaged abroad, have for some time been hourly expected, and, on their arrival, those engaged at home will repair to their stations also and the institution be opened. the exact day depends therefore on the arrival of the three. in the mean time I have thought it might be as well to get from the two here a catalogue of the books they will use in their schools, and of those they will advise their Students to procure. this I now send you, and on the arrival of the other Professors I will obtain and forward to you theirs in addition. it is impossible to say what number of students may assemble at first. besides the University there are two classical schools within a mile of it, of about 20. boys each. a very few will learn Spanish, none perhaps Italian or German, but many French. if therefore of the columns of classical and French *school books* a sufficient number can be here to begin with, it can be kept up by prompt supplies, from time to time, from your store at Boston, until you can form a judgment of the number of Students we shall have, and of the probable steady demand of the place. the superior books and editions of the catalogue may be entered on by degrees, and carried ultimately to the

3. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO MESSRS. CUMMINGS & HILLIARD,
JAN. 14, 1825.

extent the market will bear. the Professor of antient languages having the department of Antient history, and the Professor of modern languages that of modern history, the 2^d. & 3^d columns of the antient languages, in this catalogue, and the 2^d. column in the modern, are prepared very much with a view to these schools. I believe that in time you may draw here much of the demand of the state for respectable books, leaving only novels and poetry to the other bookshops generally. I think the schoolbooks will be wanting immediately on the opening of the University. if your bookroom is obtained at the upper end of Charlottesville it will be convenient to the town, the University and to the two separate classical schools. Accept assurances of my best services and wishes

Th: Jefferson

Text from the original at the Boston Public Library. Above the address, in another hand than Jefferson's, is: For W^m Hilliard, Esq. The letter also carries the recipients' docketed annotation: Thomas Jefferson / Jan^y 14th 1825 / an[swere]d.

Jefferson's file copy of the same letter is at the Library of Congress. It shows numerous interlineations and corrections.

Of the Classical Schools referred to, one was Thomas W. Maury's.

4. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, MAY 22,
1825.

Dear Sir

Mont^o. May 22. 25.

Your favor of the 9th. has been duly rec^d. our money is de[po]sited in the Virg^a and Farmer's banks at Richm^d. and our Bursar will write by the next mail (of the 25th.) to have the sum of 18,000 D. immediately deposited to your credit in the b^k of the US. at Philad^a. I have added 3000. D. to the 15. M originally agreed upon. further than this our funds do not admit us to go at present with convenience, and moreover I confidently expect that that sum may cover the whole purchase. for besides that, on a view of my catalogue, the prices which I had taken from printed catalogues, you were of [the] opⁿ you should get them at a discount far below my estimate. there have been between 3 & 4,000 D. worth of those very books procured by m^r Gilmer, which we have therefore struck out of my catalogue. you will of course be so good as to send me another bond for the addnal 3. M. D such being my duty in the admⁿ of public money. m^r Walley's joining with you as before will be deemed amply sff^t. the copying of the catalogue is now going on & will be finished within a week or 10. days when it shall be forwarded without delay. the work is slow because I have it written very legibly & correct it myself. with respect to any preference between American & foreign ed^{ns} we have none but wish to get the best, having respect to type, paper binding correctness & price. English Law books are as cheap I think as the American (especially exempt from duty as in our case) and they are generally much superior in all other respects.—as our Anglo-Saxon instrⁿ is suspended until we

4. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, MAY 22,
1825.

can get books I must pray you to procure for your book-store here, copies of the following books for purchase by the students, which cannot be obt^d but from Engl^d. to wit

Grammatica A-Saxonica ex Hiccesiano thesauro excerpta.	
Oxon 1711. 8vo.....	1.66
Vocabularium A-Sax. à Benson, Oxon. 1701.....	6.22
Heptateuchus, liber Job et evangelium Nicodemi A-Saxonici.	
Oxon. 1689	6.
Barrington's Orosius. A-S. et Eng. Lond. 1773. 8vo.....	1.28
the prices pd in Lond. by myself about 10. y. ago.....	15.16

they sh^d be sold in sets & I think we can ensure you the prompt sale of a dozen sets at least at the univ^{ty}. and probably of many more as we proceed. you said if I rightly recollect that the books you should buy in Engl^d might be here in autumn. I wish the A-S. ones could come with the first.

There are 3. particular books I must pray you to procure for the Library if to be had in the US. and forward them to us immediately to wit

Turner's hist. of the A-S.)	they are immensely dear here I know
Langard's [i.e., Lingard's] hist. of England)	but the immediate want of them is beyond all price. if you get them here,
Brodie's history of the Stewarts)	strike them out of the catalogue of which they make a part.

I should willingly have taken a n^o. of the Harvard duplicates on the subject of America (from pa. - 12 - to 19 of the catalogue) but for their prices. they are generally set down at the high selling prices of our bookshops. you will get most of these books in Europe for $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ of these prices, for altho' they are rare, yet they are in no

4. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, MAY 22,
1825.

demand. I have selected a few, the prices of which are within bounds, which I would wish you take for the library to wit

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12 Alvarez	1.)	
13 Bossu Isles occidentales	2.)	
Campbell	1.)	
Charlevoix Paraguay	4.)	
15. Herrera	5)	such of these as you take, you will of course note in the catalogue.
Joutel	1)	
16. Labat	6)	
Laet	5)	
19 Williams50)	
	—————)	
	25.50)	

our numbers at the Univ^y. are now upw^{ds}. of 80, and they come in almost daily. we expect that the ensuing vac^{ns} of the other schools in July will make us up 100. and that the next term (in Feb) will open with as many as can be accomodated either at the Univ^y. or Charlv^e. you will receive the Catalogue ab^t 8. or 10. d. after your rec^t of this, which I believe will be the last thing to be done on my part.

I salute you with great esteem & respect.

[Endorsement:] mr Hilliard W^m May 22. 25.

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress. No attempt has been made to indicate the numerous corrections and interlineations which appear.

Samuel H. Walley of Boston acted as surety for Hilliard.

5. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, JUNE 3,
1825

Dear Sir

Monticello June 3. 25.

The copying of our Catalogue was finished yesterday, and I now inclose it. in my letter of May 22. I mentioned that our Bursar would, by the next mail, direct the sum of 18,000. D. to be deposited immediately to your credit in the bank of the US. in Philadelphia. I wrote to him yesterday to know if the deposit was actually made, and received the answer now inclosed; so that I presume the thing done. this is, I believe, the last act to be performed on my part towards enabling you to proceed in your agency; the articles of our agreement and my letter of May 22. leaving further instruction unnecessary, except to add that if the sum committed to you should, contrary to expectation, fall short of the purchase of the whole catalogue, the purchase must cease with the exhausture of the funds. In that letter I requested three particular books to be purchased in the country, if to be had, and forwarded without delay, to wit, Turner, Langard, and Brodie. I must now request you to purchase in the country, and send on to us immediately, the following also.

Chapman's *Materia Medica*.
Cox's American Dispensatory—
Bigelow's medical botany
Dewees's Midwifery,
Rush's works,

Eberle's do.
Barton's medical botany
Pharmacopeia of the United States
Beck's medical jurisprudence.

All these, as well as the Harvard duplicates, may be considered as a part of the general purchase. their safest & best conveyance will always be by water, addressed to Col^o. Peyton. it will be a great gratification to me to hear from you from time to time, and as often as you can, in the

5. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, JUNE 3,
1825

course of your agency, and to know how you are going on, your progress and prospects; and I pray you to accept the assurance of my great esteem and respect.

Th: Jefferson

Text from the original in the Tracy W. McGregor Library .The recipient has annotated the booklist with check marks and prices, and has added, after Beck's medical jurisprudence, Lingard Hist. of England — \$30.00, and, at the end of the letter, Anthologiae Gr 28 65 + 23 87 and Wilson's Ornithology 90.00. The specific prices entered against the books in Jefferson's list were: 3 60 Chapman, 3 60 Cox, 12 00 Bigelow, 2 70 Dewees, 9 45 Rush, 4 50 Eberle, 18 00 Barton, and 1 37 Pharmacopeia. The recipient's docketed annotation is: Thomas Jefferson / June 3. 1825 / ansd.

Jefferson's file copy of the same letter, with numerous corrections and interlineations, is in the Library of Congress.

6. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, JULY 25,
25, 1825

Dear Sir

Mont^o. July 25. 25.

Your favor of June 22. was rec^d in due time, and the books of which it covered the catalogue arrived afterwards in good order. we have recently rec^d. a last box from m^r. Bohn. it contained books which were in his former catalogue but which not having come with the others nor a word heard of them in so long a time, we had considered as not purchased and set some of them down in your catalogue. I give you the list of them on the next page and pray you to strike from your's such of them as you find on it, that we may avoid duplicate purchases. you ask whether in purchasing law books we would give a preference to American ed^{ns} on account of the American decisions they may contain. we should not. our school is of the laws of our own state, in which the laws or decisions of other states are of no authority. they would therefore be no equivalent for worse printing, paper & binding.

I have heretofore pressed on you the procuring for our A-S. school a dozen sets of particular books which I named to you of 4. v. each to wit the Grammar, Vocabulary, Heptateuch, and Orosius which would cost 16. or 18 D. the set in England. I have no doubt of their immediate sale here, but as you may doubt it, and they would be absolutely unsalable any where else, I think it fair to say that if not promptly sold here, the University will take them off your hands. the books we must have, or that language cannot be taught. I present to you my respectful salut^{ns}.

Th: J

6. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, JULY 25,
25, 1825

[Endorsement:] Hilliard W^m. July 25. 25.

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress. The draft has numerous revisions and crossed out words. No attempt has been made to reproduce these in this transcript.

7. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, AUG. 7, 1825

[Address:] free

Th: Jefferson
Mr. William Hilliard
of the firm of Cummings Hilliard & co.
Boston

Sir Monticello Aug. 7. 25

Your favor of July 26. is recieved with the catalogue it covered I am glad to recieve the catalogue of this partial purchase, because it gives me an opportunity of making observations on some articles which vary from the catalogue delivered you, and will be some guide to you in future cases on the subject of differences of edition Etc. on this our instructions gave you a certain latitude of discretion which it was impossible to define exactly, and therefore the commentaries I now subjoin may throw some further light on it. several variations of edition in this purchase I do not note, because immaterial and within the latitude meant. Clarke's catalogue of law books, 1819. would be a valuable guide to you as to books in that department. you would there find that he furnishes the Yearbooks in 11. parts compleat for 7 guineas = D32.67 Rose's edⁿ of Comyns (1800) 6.v.8^{vo}. D24.C42 I must guard you against purchasing articles not in the Catalogue, because we should not know where that would land us. I have no information of the arrival of the books in Richm^d. yet.

I salute you with esteem and respect.

Th: Jefferson

No. 16. Say)	you express these titles in English.
17. Sismondi)	they are in French in the catalogue &

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21. Volney) I hope the books are in French.
 86. K. of Prussia) I designate by your marginal number.
 129. Consolns on death.)

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20. Grotius is in 12mo. the catalogue is 8vo.)
 108. Gradus. 12mo. — — — — 8vo.) we incline to 8vo. edns.
 113. Bossuet 12mo — — — — 8vo.) on account of symmetry
 114. Bruyere 12mo. — — — — 8vo.) of arrangemt. on our
 122. Pilpay — 12mo — — — — 8vo.) shelves.
 125. Pascal 12mo — — — — 8vo.)
 149. Hederic 4to — — — — 8vo.)
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58. Epictetus. Schweighauser's edn which we desire in 6.v.8vo.
 68. Voltaire in 25.v. but we particularly wish the edn of Kehl in 40.v.8vo.
 because it is the last edn corrected by the author himself.
 162. Simpson's fluxions. Davis's edition 2.v.8vo. costs D3.C22. Lond.
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49. Raymond's history.)
 51. Paley's works.)
 56. Bancroft.)
 57. Gardner.) none of these, I think
 66. life of Charles I.) are in the Catalogue.
 118. Essays to do good.)
 123. Horæ Paulinæ.)
 131. Chapone.)
 140. Calvenius.)

Text from the original in the Coles Collection, University of Virginia. The recipient has annotated the book list by writing the word ordered against Raymond's history, Bancroft, Essays to do good, and Calvinus. There is 1845, and the recipient's docketed annotation: Thomas five-volume edition. There is also a later annotation dated 1845, and the recipient's docketed annotation: Thomas Jefferson / August 7th 1825 / ansd.

Jefferson's file copy of the same letter with some verbal differences both in the text and the list of books is in the Library of Congress.

8. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, AUG. 31,
1825

[Address:] Mr. William Hilliard
Boston

Dear Sir

Monticello Aug. 31. 25

Your favor of the 3^d. was duly recieved, and 4. of the 5. boxes of books have come safely to hand. nothing is heard yet, I believe, of the 5th. probably the 4. might be as many as the waggon could take in, and the 5th. may await another conveyance. in that, I expect is contained the volumes of some of the works which are missing. but this is conjecture only, for I have been confined to the house by indisposition upwards of 3. months, and am not likely soon to leave it. the 4. boxes have been opened, and the books arranged on their shelves, but having never seen them, I can say nothing of them myself. from the Professors who have examined those of their own department, I have recieved some complaints of old editions of some books of which later and better have been published. the Encyclopedia sent is particularly complained of by them, as being of an old and much inferior edition. one of them says it is little better than Chambers. I inclose some scraps of notes furnished the Librarian by Mr Bonnycastle and m^r Emmett, and something from the Librarian himself. I begin indeed to be uneasy on the subject of editions; because the value of the library will depend so essentially on the best choice of these. in selecting the editions of the classics, I was very particular in seeking out and specifying the latest and best editions. they were, *for the most part*, German, and were specially those I wished. but as one of my objects, in preparing the catalogue, was to

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obtain an estimate of the probable cost of the whole, so, while setting down the prices which I found in the printed catalogues, I noted also the edition to which that price corresponded, merely as a reference, and not from attachment to that particular edition, for I was often satisfied there must be later and better. for this reason we gave a latitude to your discretion, meant chiefly for this particular branch. and this was done the more willingly, as I understood, from the course of our conversation, that you contemplated going yourself in person to Europe on the execution of our business. you observed particularly that the commission of 5. p. c., which we allowed, would not [be] a sufficient inducement to the voyage, were it not that the other business of your House furnished additional considerations for your going personally. I hope that those to whom you transfer the trust may exercise it satisfactorily. it would be lamentable indeed if, after receiving from our legislature so handsome a donation, we should waste it on obsolete editions, no longer saleable in Europe or any where because superseded by better. I had no fear of this in your hands, and from your knowledge of your correspondents, I trust you are without that fear yourself, and that they will not abuse your confidence. altho' our catalogue was not as extensive as some others even in the US, yet I had hoped, from the richness of it's composition and superiority of it's editions, it would be inferior to none in value. and for this I will still rely on the attentions you will still bestow on the conduct of your correspondents, and the instructions you will give them. as a general idea I will repeat that in the antient languages

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we are generally attached to the editions specified; in modern foreign languages we have endeavored to search for, and name the best, without much confidence that there may not be better, but, in English works, improved editions are always coming out so rapidly, that your researches and judgment were more relied on than our own information . — I do not mean to give you a moment's uneasiness by these observations, and should quite miss my aim were that to take place. I only mean, by a frank communication of the state of my mind to enable you to act with more confidence on your part, when you know that there is no concealment on mine. The want of books for the schools and most of all of the proper Spanish books in your store here is much complained of by the Students and Professors. the demand the next year will be very great, and it is highly important you should learn as soon as possible the choice of the Professors as to the particular books they will recommend. Accept the assurance of my great esteem and respect.

Th: Jefferson

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Charles Bonnycastle was Professor of Natural Philosophy. John P. Emmet was Professor of Natural History.

9. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, SEPT. 16,
1825

Mont^o. Sep. 16. 25.

Dear Sir

Your's of the 2^d. is received, and to the question respecting Barrow's works and Bruce as to size and price I will give this general answer for this & all such cases that we shall prefer 8^{vo}. editions altho' considerably dearer, because of the superior symmetry of their arrangement on our shelves, because generally they will be later and improved editions, and are so much more handy for use. on a stricter examⁿ of my original catalogue, of which that furnished you is a copy, I find that Bancroft on colours and Mather's essays to do good are on it, and therefore that m^r Jones should return them if they have been sent to him, for my confinement keeps me ignorant of these things. I imagine that 'Raymond's *history*' and 'Calvinus' have been mistakes of m^r. Keane for 'Raymond's *political economy*' and 'Calvini lexicon juridicum' which I knew to be on the Catalogue. I am much pleased with the supply of Thomas's Co. [ke] L. [ittleton] yet I fear the University will lose much of the benefit of it, by the country lawyers buying it up before our law school opens. I doubt whether m^r Gilmer will undertake a course before the next commencemt Feb. 1. before which I fear they will all be taken off. one will of course be reserved for the University as being of our catalogue. m^r. Long is returned. he will adopt Buttman's grammar for his school. — if the edⁿ of Voltaire which you have sent is subsequent to that of Kehl 40. v. 8^{vo}. It may be as good, but not if preceding that, which was the last edited under the eye and corrections of Voltaire himself. I have not been to

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the University for 4. months, havg. been so long confined without any definite prospect when I may see it again. Accept my friendly and respectful salut^{ns}.

Th: J.

[Endorsement:] Hilliard W^m. Sep. 16. 25

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress.

Francis W. Gilmer was offered the chair of law, which he was unable to fill because of his health. He died February 25, 1826. George Long was Professor of Ancient Languages.

10. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, NOV. 4,
1825

[Address:] free

Th: Jefferson
Mr. William Hilliard
of the H. of Cumings & Hilliard
Boston

Dear Sir

Monticello Nov. 4. 25.

Your letter of Oct 7. has been some time in hand, and the books are now recieved. ill health has prevented my answering it sooner, being still confined mostly to the house I shall on this as on every other occasion make free observations, because they will enable you the better to enter into our views. but I make them under the disadvantage of not having seen the books, and judging from the Catalogue only.

- No. 178. 179. Journals of Congress. 9. vols. those noted in the catalogue consist of 85. vols. these therefore are too imperfect to be received
189. Oeuvres de Rousseau. J. B. 4. v. 8vo. altho' in the catalogue I did not specify Jean Jaques Rousseau, yet his eminence over the other would entitle him to be understood of preference. the work being stated too as in 8. v. 8vo. should shew that that in 4. v. 8vo. was not the one meant.
192. Cours de literature par Lavisa & Maysant. the catalogue does not call for this
204. Johnson's works. 12. v. 8vo. not called for by the Catalogue, and we had already a copy
216. Hawkins P. C. 2. v. 8vo. 13.50 the Catalogue calls for Leach's edition in 4. v. 8vo. priced in Clarke's catalogue a half guinea less.

our library will be far less than some others in the number of volumes. but from the choiceness of the selection and particularly the choiceness of the editions, we count on it's being equal in value. but if these are not strictly regarded we shall be disappointed in it's worth. I have

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before observed as to editions, that in Greek & Latin books we wish entire strictness, in foreign books a strong regard to the edition named except where a newer and obviously better has been published, and a discretionary latitude as to recent editions of English books, and in no case a translation unless expressly specified. in general I wrote the title in the language desired, but where I did not understand the language, I was not always exact in doing that. but the face of the catalogue shews that originals in all languages are what we want. the Professors complain that while your bookstore is furnished with books and editions they mean not to use, those they have desired are not sent. the former consequently remain unsold, and the students unable to proceed for want of the books adopted for the school. I know nothing of this myself, and only repeat what they saw. I hear great complaints on the subject from the Students, and believe their progress essentially retarded by it. Dr. Blaetterman told me yesterday he had determined to write to London himself for the books for his school. I mention these things to you because it is for your advantage as well as ours they should be known to you. Blaetterman has 13. Anglo Saxon students and but a single dictionary, grammar or other A-S. book for the whole. I hope we shall be better supplied after a while. Accept the assurance of my great esteem and respect.

Th: Jefferson

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1825

Library. The recipient's docketed annotation is: Thomas Jefferson / Nov. 4 1825 / ansd. The letter carries a further annotation Ansd Nov^r 13th.

George Blaettermann was Professor of Modern Languages.

11. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO CUMMINGS & HILLIARD, APRIL
9, 1826

Dear Sir

Mont^o. Apr. 9. 26

My last to you was of Nov. 4. yours since rec^d. are of Oct. 7. Nov. 14. Dec. 10. Jan. 26. Feb. 11. the invoices rec^d are from Article 243. to 1273. contained in boxes N^o. 7. to 21. which of these boxes particularly are come to hand I cannot say, having been prevented by my health from going to the University more than 2. or 3. times in as many months. the great default in my correspondence proceeds from the increasing disability of my writing hand, the wrist of which was dislocated about 30. years ago and now stiffens with a rapidity threatening a speedy loss of the power of writing altogether. the little I am able slowly to write is of necessity claimed by things requiring immediate attention. we shall not be able to open the boxes we have recieved until the room and presses also in which the books are to be finally deposited are compleatly finished. I hope this may be in the course of the next month. as far as I have been able to judge from the Catalogues I am contented with the prices which are satisfactorily within those I had copied from printed catalog[ues.] whether sufficiently conformable with, or of later & better ed^{ns}. than those particularized in the catalogue delivered you cannot be known until the boxes shall be opened.

In addition to that Catalogue I enclose you one, of periodical publications which we wish to obtain annually. some of these were inserted in the general catalogue given you. of these, the present call should begin where they end. the others may begin with the beginning of the year

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1825. and we will judge hereafter whether we will order those preceding that period. as this is to be annually furnished you will fix on a particular time of the year most convenient generally to make the call. but the 1st. must be immediate.

It is made by the Visitors my duty to forward to you the following extract from the report to them of a committee of the Faculty on the very serious obstacles to the purposes of our institution from the want of the particular books and editions of them which our Professors wish to use in their classes and to recommend to their pupils. to wit 'The whole Faculty Etc—————might be adduced'. this is indeed a very serious evil and palsies our institution to a deplorable degree. we have at this date 163. students who are many of them prevented from entering on the branches of science they wish to pursue from their inability to get the elementary books necessary. if these books were furnished by scores at a time they would be instantly taken off. (in the single case of the Law books those sent have laid on hand because that school is not yet opened. an app^{mt} is now made which will probably be accepted. the moment it is so you will find that the books will be instantly taken up. yet you had better not be at the expense of that supply until the Professor shall furnish his list because he may perhaps not come on immediately.) the schools have generally from 30. to 100 students each, all of whom nearly need books. I feel particularly the check this gives to the introdⁿ of the A-Saxon language as I wished. I hope you will exert yourself to furnish that supply. our school of modern languages has

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about 100. students. 20 at least have personally expressed to me their anxiety to enter on the A-S branch. a greater number would certainly do it. I named to you in my letter of May 22 25 4. books for this language, strike out from these if you please Hickes's grammar, and Benson's Anglo-Saxon vocabulary, and insert instead of them Bosworth: Elements of A-S. Grammar and Bosworth's Compendious A-S. Dict. each is a single vol. 8^{vo}. and get them for us in sufficient number with as little delay as possible. m^r Key (Professor of Mathem.) now with me, tells me that in a few days, abt. 20. of his class will want Tables of Logarithms and within 2. months 100. will require them, for the habitual and general use of his school. in future he will require 'De la Lande's Tables of Log. *with the nat. Sines & Tangents*. 12^{mo}. Stereotype of Didot'[s] price at Paris 4 fr. observe to distinguish this from a smaller edⁿ *without the nat. S. & T.* price 2. fr. which is not the one he chuses. while the main supply is requested [to] be of this small & cheap book of De la Lande's he would wish about the 3^d. or 4th. of the whole n^o. to be 'Cal. let's [?] Tables of Log. 8^{vo}. stereotyp[e] of Didot'[s] price 21 fr. at Paris. observe to call for those which have their prefatory discourses in Eng. Dyelot [?] had these translated for the American market and being stereotyped they can be struck off in any number as called for. but as you probably have not these works on hand, you must send such as you have for present supply, but procure I beseech you from Paris immediately those of De la Lande & Callet for future calls. there is a very fine 'new Universal Atlas of the world in 30 maps by S. E. Morse publ^d. by the Joce-

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lyns [?] New Haven.' I wish you would send some copies to Jones. we prefer maps of small size [?] to be uncolored.

¶it is not for us to say how much of your capital you ought to embark in this branch of your business, but it is indispensable to our instⁿ that the supply be equal to it's demand either from yourself or others. you will find I think this such a market as would be worth the [residence of a partner who would have an interest in seeing to it's supply & management but of this you are the judge.

the students have complained of some of m^r. Jones's prices. this is a thing of course with all purchasers. m^r. Jones sent me his catalogue to disprove these allegations. I am not a sufficient judge to decide on it. but I thought generally there was little or no ground of complaint. English books I found high priced, but I know they cost high prices. I judge in the lump that if you sell at 15. p. c. on the cost of your books to you, as you proposed, there ought to be no complaint. whether m^r. Jones sells at this advance, you will of course make a subject of enquiry when you come on, which I hope will be soon as you mentioned in one of the letters now acknowledged. I think favorably of m^r. Jones and am glad you are satisfied with him. he is certainly a very worthy man but not yet suffy familiar with books, their titles & characters.

¶we have a very fine collection of youths, much disposed to order & study, but much obstructed by about a dozen of vicious & worthless scape-graces whom we shall endeavor to ferret out and get rid of as soon as we can.

[Endorsement:] Cummings & Hilliard Apr. 9. 26.

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress.

12. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO CUMMINGS, HILLIARD & CO.,
APRIL 22, 1826

Dear Sir

Monticello Apr. 22. 26.

Since my last, of the 9th. I have recieved represent^{ns} from the Faculty of our Professors on the subject of the *annual* import^{ns} of the Periodicals desired by the Visitors. they say that to answer their views it is indispensable that they should come at shorter intervals, quarterly, e. g. at least. I must therefore correct the request in that letter and pray you to direct your correspdts to forward them regularly every quarter.

I have been to the University since that 1^{tr} [?] & exam^d the boxes of books arrived there. they are marked and numbered thus C. H. & co. N^o. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. - - 9. 10 - - 12. 13. 14. - - 16. 17. 18. in all 15. all appear in good order except one which being tumbled carelessly by a waggoner at Richm^d. burst, without falling asunder or losing any thing as far as we can judge. the room & presses to recieve them are promised in early June, till which the boxes cannot be opened. the more I enquire into the want of books the more I am satisfied that you would double the amount of your *annual* sales, were the books here ready when asked for, I mean especially those of our particular recommendⁿ. Mr. Lomax our Law Professor engages to open his school on the 1st. of July, with 30. students on the spot and probably as many more soon after. Thomas' Co.[ke on] L.[ittleton] will be their 1st. want, and Law Dict^s. of course.

Accept assurances of my frdsh^p & respect

Th: J.

12. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO CUMMINGS, HILLIARD & CO.,
APRIL 22, 1826

Cummings Hilliard & co.

[Endorsement:] Cummings Hilliard & co. Apr. 22. 26

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John Lomax accepted the professorship of law.

13. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, MAY 6,
1826

Dear Sir

Monticello May 6. 26.

As you are occasionally sending supplies of books to your store here, I am in hopes it may not be inconvenient to supply a private application, and in that confidence request you, with your next parcel, to send me on my particular account those below mentioned. if there has not yet been an 8^{vo}. edition of Turner published, I would rather wait than have a 4^{to}. one. I hope our book room and shelves will be ready by the last of the month, and that the other boxes now in the country, but not yet here, will be here by that time. would it not be better to time your visit to our readiness to open the boxes. Your's with friendship and respect

Th: Jefferson

Mr. Hilliard

Loudon's Encyclopædia of gardening full bound & handsomely

Turner's history of the Anglo-Saxons. 8^{vo}.

Theocritus Gr. Lat. with the notes of the Scholiast. an 8^{vo}. edⁿ there is such an edⁿ Lond. 1729. another Oxon. 1699. and probably others.

Text from Jefferson's file copy at the Library of Congress.

14. THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WILLIAM HILLIARD, MAY 31,
1826

Dear Sir

Mont^o. May 31. 26.

My last to you was the 6th. inst. since which your's of the 8th is come to hand. the 3. cases of books from England, 1. from France and 3. from Germany mentioned in your l^r[?] to have been shipped to the care of Col^o. Peyton are not yet heard of by us. it is possible that by the time of their arrival *at the University* the room in which they are to be arranged & the necessary presses may be ready. it appears to me indispensable that your visit should be timed exactly to those 2 events, to wit the actual arrival of the books here, and the readiness of the room & presses. I think it will require all June for the latter. we are pressing all our efforts to that object exclusively but our means are limited by the want of capable workmen. I will give you punctual notice when the room & presses are *actually* ready. I must pray your particular attention not to let your purchases go beyond the funds *already* placed in your hands. we are unprepared, and shall be so for a considbl. time to make further purchases. my health still prevents my visiting the University as frequently as might be desired. I salute you with esteem and respect.

Th: J.

Mr. Hilliard

[Endorsement:] Cummings & Hilliard May 31. 26.

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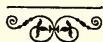
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